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USAID Programs in 2006

The American people though USAID have provided \$300 million in assistance programs for Uzbekistan since 1992, including \$12.6 million in 2006.



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Economic Reform: USAID priorities are assistance for small and medium enterprises, WTO accession, accounting training, support for NGO think tanks, and microfinance development. In the area of microfinance, USAID supports the development of a savings and credit unions network and capacity strengthening of select microfinance institutions. USAID's program is helping farmers manage irrigation networks in the regions of Djizak, Bukhara, Samarkand, and Namangan. Another project is helping greenhouse vegetable producers in the Ferghana Valley to increase incomes by linking producers with markets. It will also assist businesses that are critical to the farm-to-market chain.

Energy and Water: Starting in 2006, USAID's program will assist the United Dispatch Center in Tashkent to improve regional electricity system operations. The project will work to establish a transparent, competitive market; to increase electricity trade; and to introduce market-based solutions for transboundary water disputes.

Health and Population: USAID provides technical assistance for the nationwide roll-out of activities related to high-quality PHC, evidence-based medicine, and per-capita financing. The Maternal and Child Health Program trains health providers on facility supervision, clinical protocols, antenatal care, delivery management, and integrated management of childhood illnesses. Health promotion is also supported at the community level. USAID assists implementation of the Directly Observed Treatment Short-course (DOTS) strategy, including electronic surveillance activities and improvement of TB laboratory capacities. USAID supports the Government of Uzbekistan to implement its HIV grant from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria and trains health professionals in counseling, testing, and HIV/AIDS treatment. Officials are trained on the utilization of HIV surveillance data for programmatic and policy decision making. Support for a Youth Power Center network aims to prevent drug use by vulnerable young people.

Basic Education: USAID's Basic Education Program seeks to improve basic education at the primary and secondary school levels. USAID will explore ways to strengthen sustainability of the child-centered methodologies under the current operating environment.

Democracy: Due to limited political space in Uzbekistan, USAID has traditionally focused on grassroots efforts through such programs as NGO development and civic advocacy, legal reform, judicial ethics, and judicial training. USAID supports training and resources for human rights defenders, and anti-trafficking activities. USAID also addresses basic living conditions through work with condominium associations.

Conflict Mitigation: USAID promotes dialogue in identifying sources of conflict and provides funding to address those concerns, often resulting in community-managed infrastructure projects, particularly in Ferghana Valley and southern Uzbekistan.